

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	:	Group Art Unit:
Raymond Whitman Jr.	:	2614
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

The Final Office Action mailed June 2, 2008 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently with this response so that the Office Action mailed August 4, 2004 is effectively made non-final. Under 37 U.S.C. §1.114, the effect of the RCE, which makes the instant Office Action non-final, is to cause examination of the instant application to remain open. Accordingly, amendments and new claims submitted herein are to be entered as a matter of right, and each claim is entitled to continued examination.